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(DTG 091608Z MAY 78), C. USNATO 4660 (DTG 101636Z MAY 78)

1. WE ARE STILL STUDYING CHANGES IN REFS B AND C AND AWAIT
PROPOSED UK CHANGES TO THE REVISED DRAFT TEXT OF WG ANALYSIS
OF NEW EASTERN DATA. REGARDING PARA 29 (FORMERLY PARA 28),
IT APPEARS TO CARRY THE US PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS FURTHER THAN
OUR EVIDENCE CAN SUPPORT. WE BELIEVE PARA 29 SHOULD BE

AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

"29. AMONG THE CATEGORIES OF PERSONNEL THAT MAY HAVE BEEN EXCLUDED BY THE EAST ARE:

(1) SOVIET

----- MILITARY PERSONNEL PERFORMING SUPPORT FUNCTIONS
----- ANALOGOUS TO THOSE PERFORMED BY CIVILIANS IN THE
----- WESTERN FORCES.

(2) POLISH

----- ALL CONSCRIPTS COVERED BY THE BROADER USE OF THE
----- TERM TERRITORIAL FORCES OR PERFORMING SUPPORT
----- FUNCTIONS ANALOGOUS TO THOSE PERFORMED BY CIVILIANS
----- IN THE WESTERN FORCES.

(3) CZECH

----- TROOPS PERFORMING TERRITORIAL OR SUPPORT FUNCTIONS
----- ANALOGOUS TO THOSE PERFORMED BY CIVILIANS IN THE
----- WESTERN FORCES.

(4) GDR

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----- RESERVISTS FILLING "SPACES" CONSTANTLY ONLY A
----- ROTATING BASIS. PERSONNEL IN CONSTRUCTION UNITS.
----- TROOPS PERFORMING SUPPORT FUNCTIONS ANALOGOUS TO
----- THOSE PERFORMED BY CIVILIANS IN THE WESTERN
----- FORCES."

2. (FYI: WE REMAIN CONVINCED THAT THE EAST HAS EXCLUDED FROM ITS TABLED FIGURES A SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER OF GROUND AND AIR FORCE PERSONNEL WHOM THE WEST CONSIDERS TO BE ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY SERVICEMEN SUBJECT TO MBFR. WE ARE UNCERTAIN ABOUT THE RATIONALE BY WHICH THESE EXCLUSIONS HAVE BEEN MADE, BUT ARE STILL PERSUADED THAT SOME FORMULA THAT EXCLUDES UNIFORMED SOLDIERS PERFORMING SUPPORT FUNCTIONS IN PEACE-TIME MAY HAVE BEEN USED. THE THREE POSSIBLE COUNTING RULE FORMULAS THAT WE HAVE IDENTIFIED--THE EXCLUSION OF PERSONNEL PERFORMING CERTAIN SUPPORT FUNCTIONS, THE EXCLUSION OF CONSCRIPTS PERFORMING TERRITORIAL FUNCTIONS, AND THE EXCLUSION OF 6-MONTH RESERVISTS AND PERHAPS OTHER PERIODICALLY ROTATING PERSONNEL--ALL WOULD EXCLUDE EASTERN PERSONNEL THAT PERFORM TO SOME DEGREE FUNCTIONS THAT THE EAST ALLEGED IN 1976 ARE SIMILAR TO THOSE PERFORMED BY CIVILIANS IN THE WEST. GIVEN THE EVIDENCE AVAILABLE SO

FAR, HOWEVER, WE CANNOT DEFINITELY CITE ANY OF THE
POSSIBLE FORMULAS AS THE RATIONALE BY WHICH THE EAST
PREPARED ITS DATA. END FYI.) VANCE

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